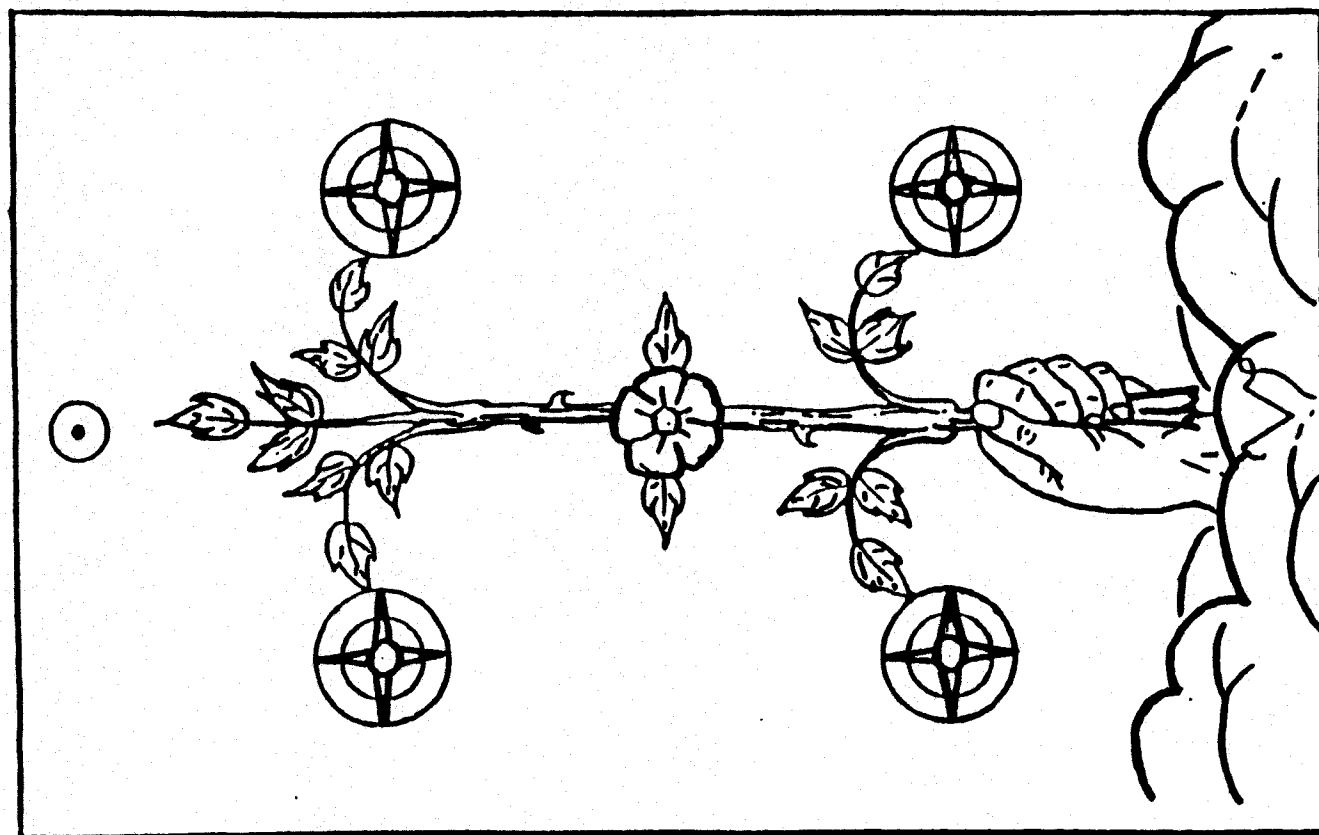


LESSON 85

FOUR OF DISKS



LESSON 85

4 of Disks

"Lord of Earthly Power"

20-30 degrees Capricorn

A hand holding a branch of a rose tree, with a central white rose.

A hand holding a branch of a rose tree, but without flowers or buds, save that in the centre is one fully blown white rose. Pentacles are disposed as on the points of a square; a rose in the centre.

Here the white rose of purity has fully manifested in its solar aspect (as Tiphareth) controlling the tree by its central position. This shows the four elements (matter) being controlled by a fifth, spirit (the rose). A complete, harmonious and perfected cycle.

The 4 of Disks has been named "Lord of Earthly Power" which is best described by the symbols this card portrays. For example, the four disks form the shape of a square at the top of a cube; implied by the central rose acting as a point where a line is drawn from each corner of the square which then forms 4 divisions. These 4 divisions express the currents of the four elements, making the square one of manifestation on the physical plane. However, the rose shows the presence of the 2nd square, and 2 squares make a cube, which has 8 sides and symbolically expresses the physical, spiritual, astral and mental planes. We

also have here the symbol of a circle within a square, which characterises life on other planes of nature. This indicates mastery of the physical plane, which the cube also represents as well as a place of worship, i.e. a tower with a dome temple. The square has also been considered to symbolise "God manifested in creation" though as a square or cube it is limitation within matter and fixation, alluding to death rather than the cycle of life. The square is also a boundary and is likened to the walls of a fortress or some other such structured form; laws, rights and rituals.

Alchemically the 4 of Disks portrays the symbol of two triangles, with the top one being inverted, each meeting in the middle at their apexes. This is the symbol of birth and also the number 8. If you join up the outer edges you have a completed square which is an alchemical symbol for the word "month". But we also have in this card the symbol of a vertical line through the middle of a square representing Vitriol in its reddening stage as perfected sulphur. This is also a symbol for calcined Tartar being is the magistry of the whitening during calcination, and alludes to "perfect restoration". Most important of all is the symbol of the circle within a square which is the alchemic symbol for Cinnabar. Now Cinnabar has been described as many things, but for our purposes here are not important. What is important is the meaning of its symbolic presence and that is; where you see the presence of Cinnabar, gold or silver is not far off.

The 4 of Disks is coloured in the Princess scale. The background is coloured the colour of the sign, deep Olive-Brown. The background is dark, close to the clouds, and becomes translucent as the colour graduates to the top of the card. The disks are the colour of the planet, which is Apricot Yellow, rayed with Soft Pink. The inner circle of the disks and the star therein is coloured Brilliant White. The rose bush is the complementary colour to the dark violet. The rose, hand and clouds are coloured Brilliant White.

The Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink within the Deep Olive Brown represents the living image of the soul within the confines of matter. These colours show life (Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink) and death (Deep Olive Brown). The Dark Violet here acts as the stimulation needed in the other colours to create the living and of course, where is the living without the spirit (shown by the Brilliant White). Interests evolve around the self (Deep Olive Brown) and one nurtures oneself (Apricot Yellow rayed Soft Pink over Deep Olive Brown).

The planet and sign associated to the 4 of Disks is the Sun in Capricorn. A character with the Sun in this sign must be busy creating, developing, or just doing. The weaker or shallow side of this sign goes from one inspiration to another, from one place to another, forever running in senseless circles. The more developed side of Capricorn however grabs hold of goals and works until accomplishment, then makes new goals. They have faith in their own abilities and expect others to be just as confident and

competent. They have no mercy for the weak and are also quite self centered. Melancholyness can lose them opportunities but they do not remain in this mood for long as they hate weakness in themselves. Concealed in the Sun in Capricorn are all the elements of the complete being. It imparts precision and individualism and is very profound at bringing states of awareness that are not normally accessible. There is ambition and endurance in this character which in most cases brings success. They are leaders and have great power, but at the same time have great servility and place themselves in positions of service.

Chesed of Heh(F); (gain, money, influence a present)

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

A strong sturdy constitution, high idealism, integrity, ambition and practicality are shown by the 4 of Disks. In remaining discriminative, this sort of person can maintain a balance on all levels of activity, especially when ones self image is threatened. To promote yourself and your ideas you must, however, sacrifice some amount of freedom and privacy although common sense is applied to all areas of endeavour. The 4 of Disks shows endurance as a quality of ones life force and portrays a solid wall of protection to outside stimulæ. Ones selfhood is con-

tained in a structure of beliefs and concepts; this is a position of secureness and self containment. "Security".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

This can be a sound and fortunate position for the 4 of Disks in the above matters, as there is assured material gain and earthly power as well as the aquisition of many possessions. There is also a completion of power and gain, showing that whatever you have now, is all you'll ever have. The interpretation of this depends on the surrounding cards. Business management is handled well, estates and resources are built upon and made secure. Governmental and national affairs directly influencing one are the technicalities of the law. These may work for, or against you. If working for you, you are able to use current laws to enhance your position. If working against you, there will be found restriction and confinement. "Earthly Power".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Under the above matters the 4 of Disks shows one who has established the boundaries of their environment and ideas. All

who wish to see or communicate with this person must do so within the already pre-established confines. This card portrays a solid foundation in education and depicts beneficial results to questions in these areas. Relationships are sound and long lasting, brothers and sisters are morally and sometimes financially supporting when you need them. Journeys are not shown, except those returning home. Rather than you going out to what you want, it comes to you. "Framework".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in life's directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

Here the 4 of Disks represents a fortress or structure built to contain something. It shows attainment and possession of estates, property, buildings. Walls are built to keep the outside out and the inside in. One holds on firmly to what one has. This card advises you to spend more time with your loved ones because you tend to neglect them in pursuit of your ambitions. Parents may expect a great deal which one tries to live up to. This can make or break you. One thing which must be remembered under the above matters with this card is, what ever you imagine, you can create. This is its power. "Boundaries".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Solid training has been provided for ones children, but now may be the time for them to achieve things on their own, give them that freedom. Ones romantic life may be interfered with through your, or your partners preoccupation with his or her career. Areas of entertainment, sport or art are entered into for what one can gain rather than pleasure. There is potential success in areas of gambling although you may be a bad loser and would do better to hold onto your money. In matters of speculation the 4 of Disks shows that whatever you strive for, you'll likely attain. "Self Preoccupation".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment: employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Distinctions are sought and most of the time attained through work and service, while attention is demanded towards acknowledgement of ones achievements. When the 4 of Disks turns up in this position it depicts the hard and capable worker; jobs will be done proficiently and followed through to completion. You should not have any trouble in obtaining a well paid job when this card is given in answer to a question on the above matters. This card does not show promotion but does show success in your current situation. On matters of health ones constitution should be strong, and able to overcome any effects your working environment causes. "Proficiency".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

A certain amount of importance is placed in having control over your competitors. In relationships the 4 of Disks portrays a partner who supports and gives strength to you in your goals. However, you are advised to be sensitive to their needs otherwise any support will not remain long lasting. Under the above matters this card shows stability and strength. One has gained a foothold in matters and are well fortified against ones enemies. Laws, rights, pomp and circumstance come to the fore in ones life and affairs are cyclic. "Fortifying".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

In this position the 4 of Disks can be the establishment of a commercial and financial empire; obstacles to business success are removed and one may obtain a possible inheritance. If you haven't chosen a career that gives you room for growth there may be a cramping of style and limitation to what you can do in your life. Now is the time to change your career if it provides no room for development. There is financial gain here and an oppor-

tunity to obtain financial independence if it is not already attained. Enterprise in business has little originality so this it is advised that you should work within conventional concepts. On a negative side, the 4 of Disks shows those that are covertous. "Potential Growth".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

Prejudicial issues arise when the 4 of Disks appears here. Ambitions cause a continual need for more education and objectives are pursued to their end. In matters of religion, metaphysics, higher education etc., this card shows that traditional structures, precedents and methods are used. There are learning institutions that are well established and hold status in their fields due to their reputation - majority rules. There is involvement in foreign affairs and cultures, and an interest in travel, although this card does not represent travel; if enquiring how travel will go, the answer is that it should take place with no mishap. "Establishments".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

Earthly parental intimidation can cause a threat which

causes you to be more determined to do things your own way. The 4 of Disks shows power in this position, the power of the Law, of authority, of ones community, state or country. Commercial transactions and negotiations. Public prominence is predicted and ambitions come to fruition. Those in dominative positions play a strong role in your life during this time. Money has influence and there is assured material gain. "Intimidation".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Bureaucrats, polititians and those connected with the law may be encountered when one receives the 4 of Disks here. There are group and community activities which work for the betterment of everyone. Towns are planned and built, public buildings are erected, visits are made to reputable establishments. This card shows that laws must be adhered to or one will be severely punished. Communal situations occur, such as living arrangements and agricultural pursuits. Communities and groups become close knit, friendships are lasting. "Communities".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

Rheumatism and Osteo-Arthritis are the main disorders represented by the 4 of Disks, otherwise this card shows a strong healthy constitution. If you are ill and receive this card for your query, the answer lies in releasing the disease, for this card shows that the problem is contained and restricted and must be brought out then dispersed from the body. The 4 of Disks typifies institutions of physical and mental health, of spiritual and other forms of learning. There is material enclosure, but one where some form of gain can be acquired. Karmically there is a balancing and centralising. "Institutions".

4 of Disks: "Lord of Earthly Power"

(Third Stage Exaltation)

In 1st position:	"Security"
In 2nd position:	"Earthly Power"
In 3rd position:	"Framework"
In 4th position:	"Boundaries"
In 5th position:	"Self Preoccupation"
In 6th position:	"Proficiency"
In 7th position:	"Fortifying"
In 8th position:	"Potential Growth"
In 9th position:	"Establishments"
In 10th position:	"Intimidation"
In 11th position:	"Communities"
In 12th position:	"Institutions"

MEDITATION ON THE FOUR OF DISKS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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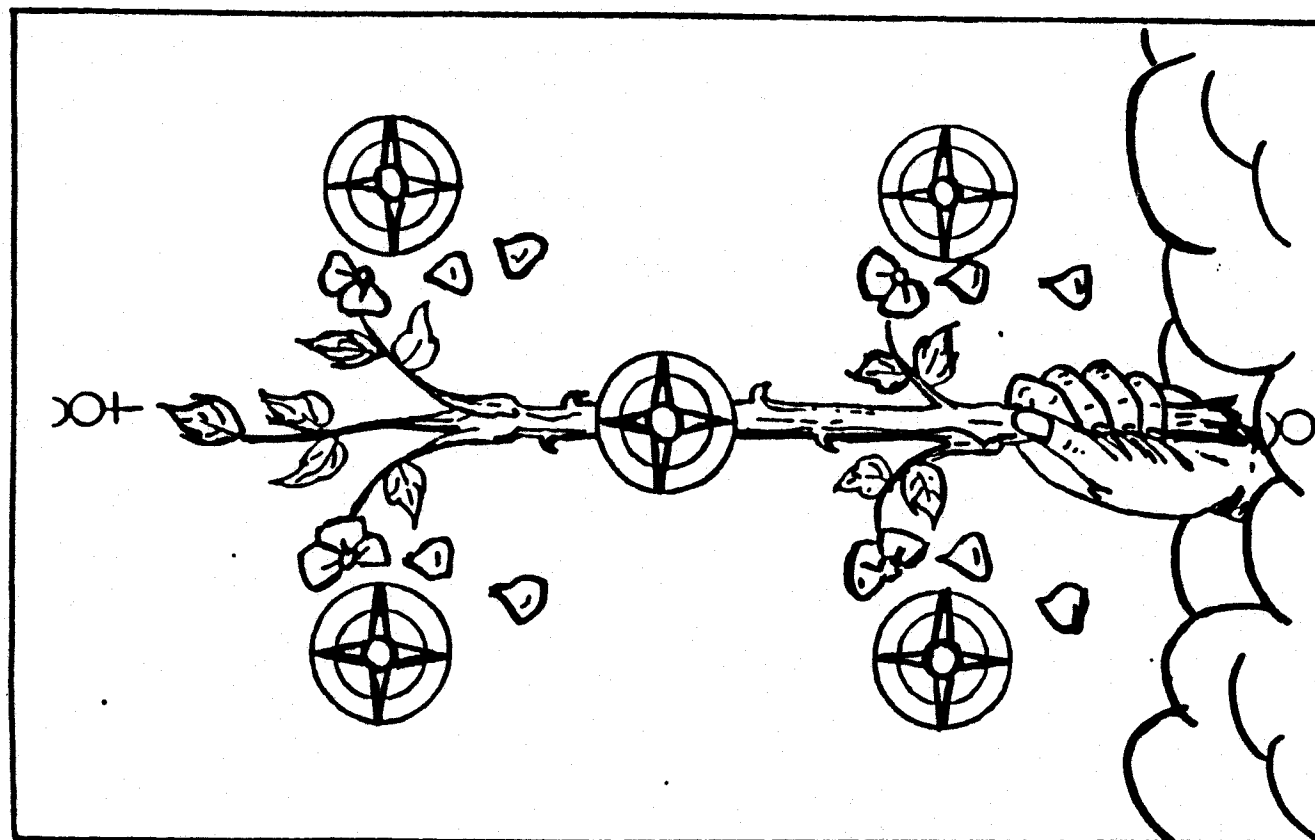
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LESSON 86

FIVE OF DISKS



LESSON 86

5 of Disks

"Lord of Material Trouble"



A white radiant angelic hand issuing from the and holding a branch of the white rose tree, but from which roses are falling, leaving no buds behind. Five pentacles are similar to the Ace.

The fifth disk has taken the place of the central rose of purity from the 4 of Disks and has overburdened the tree, for the harmonious vibrational pitch is now unevenly distributed by the extra weight. Four roses have grown beside the four outer disks only to have died before fully maturing, for the purity of the white roses have now been contaminated as the roses die, leaving no seed behind to take their place.

The contamination that has entered the 5 of Disks is the central disk, it alludes to the unconscious, which has been dragged in by the inferior mind. These two top disks also allude to the superior or heavenly factor and the two lower disks to the inferior or earthly factor. This symbolism shows the creation of the archetypal self and the 5 of Disks portrays the intellectual and physical workings on the lower plane. Alchemically this card represents rust. Jung considers in his collected works that the unconscious typifies the fly in the ointment, which relates to a

taint in the matter of perfection. It is like the lie which taints idealistic pronouncements, which is part of our earthly nature that attaches itself to, and clouds the crystal clarity of truth we seek. It is also like verdigris which is the sickness of the metal and that being likened to the leprosy of the primea materia which in itself is the essential ingredient for philosophical gold. The clouds have sunken closer to the earth, showing a solidifying of matter.

"Lord of Material Trouble" is the name given to the 5 of Disks because it portrays financial and material worry, unfulfilment of promises and success, loss of promised fortune and unprofitable speculation.

The 5 of Disks is coloured in the Princess Scale, the background is Dark Green. The disks are coloured Sallow rayed with Primrose. The centre of the disks and stars thereof are coloured Brilliant White. The rose bush is coloured the complementary colour to the background which is Dark Red Violet. The background is translucent whirls around the bush and dark in the outer edges of the card. The hand, rose petals and clouds are Brilliant White.

The Sallow rayed Primrose against the Dark Green reveals pessimism tainted with sparks of hope and wishes, a higher thought. However, the Greyish Green also portrays deceit, greed and depression. The Dark Red Violet is the struggle for (but not attained) release from matter.

The astrological association to the 5 of Disks is Mercury in Taurus. On one side, Mercury in Taurus shows a stubborn materialistic, opinionated angry or irritable character. The other side shows a determined, shrewd and stable character. Mercury in Taurus's energies lie in practical and money making concerns. Originality is lacked, but made up for in perseverance and common sense. Although slow to make up ones mind, Mercury in Taurus people will stick by their decisions. A sociable and friendly disposition at the best of times leaves one liked by many. There is stamina in mental pursuits and in most cases one is gifted with a good memory. Such a down to earth person fits in well with all earthly pursuits.

Geburah of Heh(f) (loss of profession, loss of money, monetary anxiety).

DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF the Physical Body; Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

The character portrayed here can either be very good or very bad, but in both cases material security is interfered with. One feels the heavy bondage of responsibility for ones own survival, however the power to fight and overcome problems is innate in the 5 of Disks. An image of worry and burden is projected but there is also an element of magnetism that can hold the attention of

the masses. Originality is not a strong point for those represented here, but ideas, when formed, are very idealistic. First encounters may appear foreboding in any area of life and encourage many to give up. Try to keep light hearted and don't take everything so seriously. "Bondage".

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

Under the above matters the 5 of Disks is a malefic. There is poverty and loss together with a good deal of material worry. A warning is given about oncoming adversities, try not to be so obstinate and open your mind to a little foresight. As long as you continue along your current path, matters will not improve and will only get worse. There is preoccupation in personal financial concerns and governmental activities only concern one if they work towards ones own ideals or towards personal gain. A lot of effort is made towards increasing earnings, and positively aspected, this card will show monetary gain, but in small quantities. "Poverty".

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

In this position the 5 of Disks shows long enduring problems. If endurance is applied in all of the above matters you will result in winning out in the end, but after a long hard struggle. However, in this instance, endurance is a weak point. In communications, be wary of those bearing gifts of praise (i.e. flattery) for there is an underlying current here. Behind their professed intentions lies far deeper self centered intentions that even they may not consciously be aware of. Travel is handicapped through ones lack of funds and ones humour is sorely lacking. Identity is made through a marital position. "Unenduring".

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

Here the 5 of Disks represents mental negativity, but the underlying root to such negativity is in the unconscious and ones innermost desires that are not being nourished. Buildings will need repair, land will need cultivating so be prepared for a lot of hard work and expense. This card is forewarning of significant shifts in ones life, and changes in ones material security. Determination to achieve a stable income and security for the later years leaves one in a constant state of searching and reshaping of current conditions. The 'homeland' is of prime importance and alot of mental and physical labour is put into making it secure from invasion, pestilence or any other form of

bacterial virus. Parental support is missing and decisions must be made independently. "Material Insecurity".

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Inner tensions are in need of release - stop worrying and take a vacation. On matters of love, there is an element of coldness when the 5 of Disks turns up here. You are your own worst enemy as you won't show your love. Gambling can be taken to an excess with considerable financial loss. Entertainment is sought in back street activities such as gambling houses, pornography etc. If enquiring about fulfillment in any matter this card shows the unfulfilled. Excesses indulged in to attain fulfillment which only results in emptiness. Children are a source of worry and tend to get into trouble with authorities. "Inner Tensions".

ON MATTERS OF sickness (generally due to work problems); employment: employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

In this position the 5 of Disks represents trouble in ones working environment, difficulty in acquiring employment if one is unemployed, or leaving current employment. There is a lot of anxiety about ones future coupled with confusion as to what

direction to take. Arguments and bickering arise in ones working environment causing tension in relationships. Expectations are high and not lived up to; perhaps you're expecting too much! There are health problems not yet overcome and additional aggravations counterbalancing ones stable health, causing problems such as allergies, stress, viruses etc. "Unemployment".

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

In this position the 5 of Disks shows that someone, or yourself, will be undermined and unfairly treated. If you are this person you must realize that although you are prepared to make sacrifices for the partner you have chosen, you must not put yourself in a position where you lose your self esteem, for that won't do your relationship any good. This card also shows a lover or mistress on the scene and marriage vows are broken. Ones head is being ruled by the heart, and business is impaired due to ones emotions. Discord arises in marriage or through partnerships being based on differences of opinion. "Undermined".

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

With the 5 of Disks in this position one is advised against all contact with any activity involving spiritualism or mysticism for there are too many unbalancing factors involved. It also shows illicit sex and breaking up of partnerships through indiscretions. Someone will lose money that belonged or was due to you through blind mishandling. Promises are given time and time again, but never to be fulfilled. If very adversely aspected (by the surrounding cards) ones life may be threatened through the actions of another or even your own actions. Crimes are committed and losses occur through theft. "Indiscretions".

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

There are still avenues unexplored under the above matters but material concerns run constant interference. However the 5 of Disks does foretell of good changes to come if one travels or emigrates, thereby removing oneself from ill times in their current place of residence. Travel of course is not without monetary difficulty. The 5 of Disks in this position represents intellectual pride and class snobbery, with opinions and beliefs sectarian. It indicates the historian or anthropologist. Any religious approach is dogmatic and religion can be used as a mask to ones greed and contempt for spirituality and other such forms of teaching. "Dogma".

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached; achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

In this position the 5 of Disks shows difficulty in solving problems. Such difficulty is looked on unfavourably by superiors. Plans go wrong, time and money is lost. Career goals are hard to reach as not only do material problems occur but ones physical health also interferes. Public honour is generally not achieved with the 5 of Disks here, and if one is already in the public eye be careful to keep your private life to yourself, for no one wants to hear about others troubles, and if these do become news they become food for the scandle mongers and gossip columnists. Beware of dishonesty amongst the ambitious.

"Material Problems".

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

Demanding friends cause mental strain. You'll find that these friends try to capitalise on your talents for selfish reasons. However, do not alienate these people, as they may be helpful in the future. The reputation of politicians are dubious and governmental affairs have difficulty in getting off the ground. Lack of finance prevents social services from giving aid to the needy. Times are tough for all. Ones intellectual

aspirations develop into deep desire, though opportunity for fulfillment is obstructed. People demand a great deal and are interfering in your efforts to improve yourself. Ideals are humanitarian and time is given to raise funds for those in poverty. "Tough times".

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

The 5 of Disks in this position shows the influence of unconscious memories on ones conscious thinking. Mental blockages and lapses in memory become common occurrences. Institutions have financial difficulty becoming heavily in debt. There are a lot of material and mental problems unresolved and secret enemies lay traps. Health afflictions can be problems with the throat, tonsils and thyroid. You may have difficulty swallowing through loss of nervous control, laryngismus or croup. Although difficult times lie ahead, do not despair, these may be necessary for significant shifts to take place in your life. The key phrase here is "Unconscious Influence".

5 of Disks: "Lord of Material Trouble"

(First Stage Dissolution)

In 1st position:	"Bondage"
In 2nd position:	"Poverty"
In 3rd position:	"Unenduring"
In 4th position:	"Material Insecurity"
In 5th position:	"Inner Tensions"
In 6th position:	"Unemployment"
In 7th position:	"Undermined"
In 8th position:	"Indiscretions"
In 9th position:	"Dogma"
In 10th position:	"Material Problems"
In 11th position:	"Tough Times"
In 12th position:	"Unconscious Influence"

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MEDITATION ON THE FIVE OF DISKS:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail. Study the colours.

Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations.

Write down your overall impression.

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Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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